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Russo-Roumanians Show Signs of Demoralization as They Flee Northward.

FALKENHAYN AGAIN GAINS

Reports Conflict on Bitter Fighting at Verdun-Paris Claims Progress.

LONDON, Oct. 28 .- Continuing their six-day retreat in Dobrudja, the Russo-Roumanians are showing signs of demoralization under Mackensen's swift pursuit, the German war office declared today.

Five hundred enemy stragglers. cut off from the main Russo-Roumanian column, several munition columns, and quantities of baggage have been brought in. The defeated forces are retreating in haste, Sofia announces the capture of Hersova, twenty-five miles northwest of Cernavoda.

On the Transylvanian front, Faukenhayn's armies are attacking at several points, the Russian war office announced. Berlin, however, officially claimed only the capture of a Roumanian position south of Kronstadt, though unofficial reports said that Falkenhayn is nearing Sinaia and Campolung.

FIGHTING HARD ON WEST.

Bitter fighting went on on both the omme and Verdun fronts last night. the war offices report. The French was office announced the capture of a quarry ortheast of Fort Douaumont, but the Berlin official statement reported the repulse of French attacks on the Verdun front. The German war office also mentioned violent French and English at-tacks north of the Somme, though both the British and French war offices declared there was only cannonading on

that front last night.

The Russian war office admitted the loss of positions on the Bistritza river heights to the enemy in sharp fighting in Galicia yesterday. Berlin also announced this victory, and claimed the repulse of Russan attacks west of the fortress of Lutzk.

Falkenhayn Wins Height.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Oct. 28.—General Falkenhayn's forces have captured a height from the Roumanlans south of Kronstait, said an official statement this afternoon, reporting also that the Russo-Roumanians continue in flight in Doberadja. "South of Kronstadt our troops took

a Roumanian height position by a sur-prising advance and extraded their suc-cess by sharp pressure to the valley of Partzuga," said the official state-Otherwise the situation on this front

ia essentially unchanged. Roumanians in Rout.

"On Mackensen's front, in northern Dobrudja, our pursuing detachments thus far have encountered but little resistance. Everything indicates that bundred isolated soldiers were cap-(Continued on Page Fourteen.)

#### Fight Grows More Violent at Verdun

French Take Position by Storm, Says Paris-Berlin Denies

Any Loses.

PARIS, Oct. 28.-French troops stormed and captured a quarry northeast of Fort Douaumont in a brilliant attack on the northeast front of Verdun last night, it was officially announced today. A brisk artillery duel continued in the region of the fort.

On the Somme front there was only intermittent cannonading.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—German artillery was active last night in the neighbor-hood of Les Bouefs, north of the Somme, General Haig reported this afternoon

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.). Oct. 28.—Allied troops resumed the offensive on the Somme front yesterday after a several days' lull, the war office announced this afternoon.

"Preceded by strong artillery preparation, the English attacked across the line of Gudecourt and Les Bouefs," said the official statement, "and the

#### German U-Boats Sink 9 Norwegian Vessels

LONDON, Oct. 28.-Nine Norwegian vessels have been sunk by German submarines within twenty-four hours, said a Christiania dispatch today, in the campaign directed against Norway's decree refusing submarine admission to her wa-

The Christiania newspapers are urg-Ing the government to stand firm and not to be coerced by German

The deliberate murder of so many Norwegian sailors inevitably makes bad blood between the two nations, and it will be a long time before they are forgotten in Norway." said the Verdens Gang.

'The brutal deeds of German sub marines have not caused any hysterics among Norwegian shipowners. Trade and commerce go on as usual, and there is no symptom of any nervousness on the bourse. The Norwegian government is con fident that the nation was strictly within its rights, according to international law."

Little Homeless Youngster Removed to Washington Hospital for Foundlings.

Wrapped snugly in warm, woolen clothes, with his little head resting on the shoulder of a white-clad nurse, Baby Jones has been removed from Garfield Hospital.

But he is no longer a homeless little boy. Like so many other little children in a like situation. Baby Jones has found that the old gentleman most often pictured in colonial garb and a "George Washington" hat, represented in this instance by the Children's Board of Guardians, always keeps a look-out for homeless little children, and, as a result, Baby Jones has at least a temporary stopping place at Foundlings' Hospital.

At Foundling Hospital.

Today he lies in another little white Today he lies in another little white enameled cot. He has been transferred to the Washington Hospital for Foundlings, and there Baby Jones is making a fight.

For the baby is sick, He has to make a fight, the doctors say, or he will never grow up and learn what a home means. No longer does he Joyously wave his small pink feet in the air, pull hair or coo at the nurses.

when the tot was taken to Gardeld Hospital the cough with which he was suffering, was thought to be, but never diagnosed as, whooping cough. Yesterday the baby was discharged from the hospital, because his case was found not to be whooping cough.

Anxious to Help.

And the doctors and nurses in charge of the baby are anxious to help him in his weak little struggle against the racking bronchial cough which seems to be taking advantage of the baby's inbility to protest.

Doctors say, sadly, that if he had a mother to feed and care for him, there would be a better chance of his throw-ing off his sickness and growing strong

and well.

But the odds seem to be against the helpless little fellow, for, the doctors assert, he doesn't thrive on the artificial food he has to have, and then, although nurses are kind and loving no nurse could give the baby the constant and motherly care of a real "mama."

#### Arrested and Freed He Is Taken Again

Suspected When He Goes Into Business After Diamonds

Are Missing. NEW YORK, Oct. 28.-During a strike which hampered work in Nathan Green-

berg's jeweler's shop, at 630 Fifth avenue, a \$12,000 diamond brooch was given to Harry Walder, one of the employes, to Harry Walder, one of the employes, to take home and repair. On April 8 the E. M. Gattle Company, which had sent the brooch to Greenberg for repairs, demanded it return.

Walder asserted he had given it back to his employer. Greenberg denied it and Walder was arrested. He was discharged for lack of cyldence.

Soon afterward he and his brother set up an independent jewelry business at

up an independent jewelry business at 171 Sixth avenue. Detective Price bought some diamonds at Walder's shop which, he says, were identified as having been in the \$12,000 brooch. So yesterday Walder was arrested again, this time on an indictment.

### Street Car Women In Paris on Strike

Demand Higher Wages to Meet

Increase In Cost of Food Since War.

PARIS, Oct. 28.-The women street car uployes of Paris have struck for high-

rerday after a several days' lulil, the war office announced this afternoon.

"Preceded by strong artillery preparation, the English attacked across the line of Gudecourt and Les Bouefs," said the official statement, "and the French in the adjoining district of Morval in the evening hours. Our troops repulsed the attacks by artillery and machine gun fire and northeast of Morval, with the bayonet. The positions were completely maintained."

Stuerghk's Assassin

Examined by Alienists

VIENNA. Oct. 28.—Frederick Adler, assassin of the Austrian prime minister, Count Stuerghk, has been placed under observation by alienists. If found to be same he will be tried before the end of the city has not yet tied up the service, but there is a considerable diminately and the chamber of cars running. Fifty-three thousand women are employed on other work than munition making in France, according to a state ment in the Chamber of Deputies today by General Roques, minister of war. In a debate regarding 'embusques'—those evading service at the front—the minister stated that since the passing of the Dablez law 208,009 young men had been "recovered" from the civil zone and sent to the army zone. Many street car employes of Paris have struck for high-marked they receive only frances (\$1) a day. The increased price of food has drawn heavily on their small incomes.

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# THREE POSSES HUNT BEUTINGER JURY IS COUNTY WOODS FOR DISCHARGED AFTER Totals \$1,667,757.29:

of Prince George's Trying to Solve Mystery.

Farmer Could Have Ended His Own Life.

Three separate searching parties have been organized to make a thor-ough search of the woods near the home of Frank Poschl, the Forestville, Md., farmer, whose remains were found in a pile of charred brushwood near his home last Sun-

Today marked the first activity of thorough investigation of what is now generally believed to have been

The circumstances surrounding it make it one of the most mysterious crimes in the annals of the State. Deputy Heads Party.

Heading one searching party is Deputy Sheriff Wesley Bell. He will start out this afternoon to scour the woods thoroughly in the hope of finding some fresh trace of the man who disappeared on August 20.

Another search will be made by Con stable Robert L. Anderson, of Forest ville, who made a preliminary survey of the woods yesterday afternoon.

The third party is headed by a promnent citizen of Prince George's county, who has quietly taken a deep interest in the case. This citizen says he is de-termined that the mystery shall be cleared, and that the fact shall be thor-oughly established whether Poschi came to his death by murder or flung himself on the flaming pyre in a spirit of de-

on the flaming pyre in a spirit of de-spondency.

Settlement of the estate of Poschl, about which there was much dispute among his relatives while he was alive, will have to await the location of a brother. Charles Poschl, who lives in Germany, and who is now thought to be in the war.

Brought News of Visit.

William Sommer, brother-in-law Poschl, who lived at Poschl's invitation on his place, tells over and over again the story of how a neighbor came to his home on the evening of August 29 and said that Poschi sent word that he was going to the home of his sister, Mrs. Annie Gibis, near the Meadows, and would not return for some time. The bearer of this message was William Rowe, a well-known and highly re-

Rowe, so far as now can be learned, was the last man to see Poschi alive. At first the theory was that Poschi then went into the woods, and in a fit of despair for a supposed (Continued on Second Page.)

#### Wilson-N. Y. Day At Shadow Lawn

Thousands of Empire State Men Flock to President5s Summer Home.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Oct. 28.-To-day is Wilson day and Empire State day at Shadow Lawn. Thousands of New Yorkers are scheduled to come pouring down to the summer White House, promising to make this afternoon's gathering the greatest of President Wilson's porch campaign.

son's porch campaign.

Several thousand Tammanyites, headed by John R. Voorhis, grand sachem of Tammany Hall, will play a prominent part in the afternoon demonstration. They will march from the Long Branch. station to Shadow Lawn, where Voorhi will pledge Tammany's support to the President in a brief speech.

A large delegation of women, organ-

ized by the Women's Bureau of the Democratic national committee, is to make the pilgrimage. Working wom-en, including deputations from the sweat shops, will be among their num-ber. The President expects to make a separate address to the women.

President Wilson is elated over the results of his Ohio trip. Scores of telegrams have arrived since his return. Congratulating him on the Cincinnat demonstration, his speeches and the results. All predicted a sweeping tory in Ohio.

#### Marshall Might Have Bowed to Eve

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 .- "I think if I had been in the Garden of Eden, I wouldn't have eaten the apple, but don't know- never met that charming soubrette Eve. I might have eatenu two

This was Vice President Marshall's lilustration of his charges that "Hughes doesn't know what he'd have done if he had been President."

As for the eight-hour law, Marshall said:

"Solomon worked his mes eight hours building the temple, and Solomon was a pretty wise man."

# Roosevelt to Reply

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.-Colonel Rooevelt will answer the President's Wilson Day address in his speech in Brooklyn tonight, he announced on his arrival here today from his 6,500-mile campaign trip during which he spoke for Hughes in fourteen Western States.

After four speeches next week, he said, he will endeavor to become "mereiy a grandfather and a man of domestic habits" again.

Both Citizens and Authorities Talesmen Report After All Night Vigil That They Are Unable to Agree.

MURDER THEORY ACCEPTED ASK FURTHER INSTRUCTION

Investigators Refuse to Believe | Sent Back to Continue Deliberations After Questions Are Answered.

> NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 28 .- After nearly twenty-four hours' deliberation, the jury trying Mrs. Margaret Claire Beutinger for the murder of her wealthy husband, Christopher Beutinger, disagreed and was discharged shortly before 1 o'clock today.

At 9:23 today the jury reported to Judge Marlin that it had been unable to agree, and submitted two questions to the court. Afterward the jury again retired to the scene of its all night vigil. The questions submitted by the jury

were: "Does the law impose upon the defendant the necessity of taking all reasonable steps to avert a tragedy when she wishes to establish a plea of self-

"Please define again the differences of degrees of homicide.

The first question evidently arose from that portion of the judge's instructions to the jurors yesterday in which he declared that to establish self-defense, the defense must show that Mrs. Beutinger retreated before her husband's threats in her bedroom, if she had an opportunity to retreat. Her counsel took exception to that

ortion of the charge on the ground that she was lying in bed when he husband made his advances and was mable to retreat. Judge Marlin went into a more detailed technical explanation in response to the jurors' question citing court decisions.

The second question asked by the tended to confirm reports that several of the jurors had refused to acquit Mrs. Beatinger, but were holding out for her conviction for a lesser degree of homicide. One rumor in the courtroom was that three jurors favored acquittal and the others conviction of a lesser crime. So confident was Mrs. Beutinger that

her story of a married life of unspeak-able crueities would bring her speedy acquittal, that she had planned a party at her home last night. When she entered the courtroom with a jail matron this morning, her face was quite pale, but she smiled pleasantly at her attor-

self-defense?"

Attached to the first question put by the jury was this clause: "Should a person avoid a situation or circumstance which would require

Judge Martin told the jurors that the law required that a defendant should retrest, if menaced, if reasonable opportunity to retreat existed, leaving it to the jury to decide whether a "reasonable opportunity" "No person," said the judge, "should deliberately create a situation requiring self-defense, but if the situation occurred without deliberate action on his part, this would not prevent the person from exercising his right of self-defense."

## U.S. Navy to Study Metal in Zeppelin

Scraps From Destroyed Airship Brought to This Country for

Two pieces of metal from a Zeppelin, destroyed during a raid over England, are at the Navy Department today. It is understood they will be analyzed o determine just what the metal is. It resembles alumimum, but is slightly heavier and a great deal stronger. Admiral Benson, Acting Secretary of the Navy, has the metal in his office.

#### 'LOST" WOMAN SAYS SHE'S ENJOYING SELF Hunt for Miss Benson Ends After

Phone Call.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.-Miss Lydia Benson, for whom the police have been searching since she disappeared from her sister's home two weeks ago, telephoned her sister yesterday. She said she was in Manhattan and enjoying herself, so the police were called off. Miss Beason, whose home is in Milwaukee, went to her sister's home to recover after a nervous breakdown. She is a social service worker.

#### Thieves Rob Home of White House Sleuth

That Washington thieves show no favoritism in picking their victims was demonstrated yesterday afternoon when To Wilson Tonight the home of Detective Clarence L. Dalrymple, 149 Kentucky avenue southeast, was ransacked and \$150 worth of Jewelry taken.

Dalrymple is detailed at the White The articles taken and their value were gold watch, \$30; gold lavaliere, set with

pearls, \$35; wedding ring, \$12; diamond ring, \$30; gold bracelet, \$6; child's brace-let, \$3; rope chain with gold heart, \$15, and a gold stickpin, \$15. Entrance was gained by removing the

# War Chest of G. O. P. POSCHL CASE CLUES 24-HOUR DEADLOCK Over a Million Spent TAKE STEP

Republican National Committee's Statement Show 22,226 Contributions, Ranging From Twentyfive Thousand to Ten Dollars Each-Many Small Checks Sent In.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Contributions to the Republican campaign fund total 11.667,757.29 to date, it was announced at Republican national committee headmarters today.

A statement from the Democratic naional committee last night announced contributions to the Democratic campaign of \$1,006,283.

Expenditures to date in the campaign to elect Hughes total \$1,578,334.38. The campaign funds this year have ome from 22,226 contributors, the Republican statement announced, while four years ago only a little more than ,000 names were on the contributors' list for the entire campaign. An average of about 500 checks for

\$10 reach the treasurer daily, the statement said. A high record for small contributions was made on October 13, when 1,300 checks for \$10 were received. The Democratic statement given out last night showed 41,882 contributions

Big Contributors. Republican contributors \$10,000 to \$25,000. New Jersey Republican State com-

nittee, \$25,000. R. T. Crane, Jr., Chicago, \$25,000. Arthur Curtiss James, \$25,000. George F. Baker, Jr., \$25,000.

H. P. Whitney, \$30,090. Edward S. Harkness, \$20,000. W. R. Allon, \$20,000. Clarence H. Mackay, \$20,000, J. S. Ba'e & Co. \$15,000. A. D. Julliard, \$15,000. William T. Clyde, \$15,000. Julius Rosenwald, \$15,000.

\$10,000 Contributors. William B. Thompson, George F. Baker, William Wrigley, ir.: T. Coleman du Pont, Mrs. E. M. Anderson, Thomas Cochran, J. P. Morgan, A. T. Hert, Hornblower & Weeks, Lewis L. Clarke, F. B. Adams, Judge William H. Moore, Percy R. Pyne, F. M. Goldsmith, Louis F. Rothschild, J. B. Duke, Cornelius Vanderbilt, John N. Willys, Spencer Penrose, Warren Delano, Mrs. Mary Lily Flagler, Henry Voeder, Galen S. Stone, A. Monell, William H. Crocker, J. & W. Seligman & Co., Mortimer L. Schiff.

\$8,000 Contributors. The \$8,000 givers were Henry J. Cochran (Union League campaign fund). J. Ogden Armour, John D. Rockefeller, jr.; Ogden Mills.

The \$5,000 Section. Those who gave \$5,000 Section.

Those who gave \$5,000 follow—Edwin C.
Holter, C. N. Bliss, jr., J. Horace Harding, Robert Bacon. Robert W. Goelet,
Vincent Astor, James A. Patton, H. P.
Davison, Charles Steel, Francis L. Hine,
William Nelson Cromwell, Edgar Pal-

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# TROOPS ARRIVE TO HUGHESLEARNSHOW

City by Vill'stas Removed, Advises Report.

The State Department received teletraphic information today that heavy e-inforcements of men and ammunition have reached General Trevino at Chibuahua City, removing all present danger of the capture of that city by Villistas. Other reports to the State Depart-

bands of bandits operating in Chihuahua are affiliated with Villa, but that it was highly probable a large number ently.

Secretary Lansing said no further information had reached the State Department concerning border plots since
Secretary Baker's warning statement

men said it was doubtful if all the

Secretary Baker's warning statement was issued Thursday night. "Do you thing," Mr. Lansing was ask-ed." that the announcement averted the

expected attack?"
"That was the intention." the Secrefrom the attitude of officials today it was apparently that the border raid plot situation, alleged in Secretary Baker's statement, is now regarded as a closed incident, unless the attempt is made to carry out the plots.

#### EXPECT CARRANZA TO BE UNOPPOSED

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 28.—General with little or no opposition was foreshadowed today, Carranza having accepted the candidacy of the constitutionalist liberal party and received pledges of support from many promient leaders. Eduardo Hay, president of the party, made the formal speech, asking the first chief to accept. Jesus Uructa and Andress Asuna were other members of a committee that drew from Carranza a statement of acceptance.

Gen. Pablo Gonzales congratulated the

party on Carranga's acceptance, declar-ing it marked a return to constitutional order. General Obregon assured the first chief that he and all who accom-panied him through the revolution would serve him with the same logalty after

## Bridge Will Span Dangerous Crossing

Benning Viaduct Bids to Be Opened at District Building

November 2.

Bids for the construction of the Benning viaduct to carry Benning road across the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania railroads at Keniiworth avenue, will be opened at the District Buildnig November 2 at 2 o'clock.

Completion of the work will mark
the elemination of the last of the
dangerous grade crossings in the Dis-

Specifications provide for a seven-

Specifications provide for a sevenspan steel girder structure. The amount
lable for its construction is \$110,000.
The contract provides for the completion of the bridge within fifteen months
from the date of the award.

Work will be begun soon on the buildinf of a concrete wall along the line
of the canal from the Aqueduct bridge
to Foundry Branch, near the Chain
bridge, to replace the old stone wall.
The amount apprepriated by Congress
for the work is \$25,000.

Bids will be opened October 31, the
contract providing that the work shall
be completed within thirteen months
from the date of the award.

December Wheat \$1.88.
CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—December wheat fumped to \$1.88, the highest since 1888. a rise of 114 over yesterday's close. May wheat was up 214, at \$1.8612.

Danger of Capture of Chihuahua Nominee Forgets Judic al Rhetoric to Drive Home Point. Acquires New Gesture, Too.

ON BOARD GOVERNOR HUGHES'

SPECIAL TRAIN, NEWARK, N. Oct. 28.—It's a long was from the judicial rhetoric of the Supreme judicial rhetoric Court of the United States to slangy campaign speeches-but Republican Nominee Hughes gave illustration today of how easily he has bridged the Starting out here, shortly after 8

o'clock, the candidate pulled in one closed. o'clock, the candidate pures.

The District governments coar says
speech three good specimens, indicating how rapidly he has assimilated the
bles were given temporary relief by the
sentle art of getting in touch with his
arrival of two carloads of coal today
which it is said, will supply the schools

campaign special today carried Hughes northward through New York. He is due for speeches here, at Oswego, Watertown, and at night at Ogdensburg, re-Tonight he will rest in Ogdensburg, re-Tonight he will rest in Ogdensburg, re-Tonight he will rest in Ogdensburg.

Late last night Hughes and Roosevelt were in Rochester together—for about three minutes, to be exact. They did not meet. Hughes was at the Hotel Seneca, sleeping after his strenuous day, and Colonel Roosevelt passed through the city—also as less than the content of the coule to get cars to bring the coal to this city, and that this was the cause of the shortage. day, and Colonel Roosevelt passed age.
through the city—also asleep—en route to New York after his Western speaking tour.
The old soldier of Geneva who tried to sion

## The old soldier of Geneva who tried to board the Hughes car last night can have his percussion-cap musket back again it he'll write Governor Hughes' bodyguard and prove ownership. The old man was so insistent on seeing Hughes that he had to be thrown bodily off the train—and he left his musket aboard. WOULD AVERT COAL SHORTAGE IN SCHOOLS

Thurston Has Plan By Which He Can Shift Fuel.

Superintendent of Schools Ernest L. Thurston has completed arrangements to shift coal from one school to another

to shift coal from one school to another in case of shortage.

There is enough coal on hand, which can be used in this way, to supply the schools a week, Mr. Thurston thinks. He states there are fifteen of the larger buildings that are giving the school authorities the most concern.

A census of the amount of coal on hand was made by reports from the panitors, and it is on the basis of these reports that Mr. Thurston believes there will be enough coal for a week.

As to the general matter of the supply of coal, Mr. Thurston states that is out of his province, being a matter for the District purchasing officer to care for.

#### P., B. & W. Railroad Sues Gas Company for \$3,236

Suit to recover \$3,236,78 from the Washington Gas Light Company was instituted in the District Supreme Court

today by the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington railroad.

The plaintiff alleges that the sum sued for is owing to it as the cost of raising and repairing an engine of the defendant, which fell from the latter's tracsk at its eastern station at Twelfth and M streets southeast during October. 1913. The plaintiff is represented by Atterneys McKenney and Flannery.

Officials Confer With Interstate Commerce Commission on Remedy for Shortage.

TO PROBE SUPPLY OF CARS

Those who kave \$10,000 each are William B. Thompson, George F. Several Branches of Federal and District Government's Have Little Fuel.

> The full power of the United States Government is being directed toward the relief of the District of Columbina from the threatened coal famine.

Heads of the supply departments of all of the Government departments, under the leadership of James L. Wilmeth, chief clerk of the Treasury Department, held an extended conference with Chief Clerk George B. McGinty, of the InterState Commerce Commission, to formulate some plan by means of which the commission's power could be invoked to give the Government departments sufficient coal to enable them to keep open.

TO PROBE CAR SHORTAGE. Incidentally, the visit of the chief

clerks and supply clerks of the Governnent departments came after the Interstate Commerce Commission had announced that it had definitely deternined to probe the alleged car shortage which the coal dealers say is responsible for the present condition.

The wheels of the Government are in imminent danger of being badly clogged unless coal is obtained, the ch'ef clerks told the Interstate Commerce Commission officials. The condition here is acute, and needs a definite and immediate remedy. If coal is not forthcoming, some of the departments will be

ing how rapidly he has assimilated the gentic art of getting in touch with his audiences. Here they are:

"Good-by prosperity" (referring to conditions after the war if Democratic prosperity is continued); "a cinch' on society (referring to his promise not to grant special polylleges), and "coming back" (referring to his re-entry into political life).

New Gesture, Too.

He also developed a new gesture to-day-a pointed finger that he points as if it were a gun, and that he also uses like a bayonet, in thrusting his barbs of oratory home—and a new way of snapping his fingers.

The contractors have assured Purchasing Officer M. C. Hargrove that every effort will be made on their part to furnish coal as it is needed. Plans are being made by the pircussing officer's department to go into the oper market for coal if necessary, as they did yesterday.

There has also been a slight improvement in the situation for the national executive departments, but the improvement is only regarded as of a most temporary character.

Few Days' Supply on Hand.

Tonight he will rest in Ogdensburg, remaining over there until late Sunday afternoon, when he starts for Ohio. It will be the first Sunday he has traveled at all since he started stumping.

The Treasury Department had three days' supply of coal. Postoffice had one day's supply, and such cases were typical.

The contractors for the Government coal supply were present at the meeting.

Car Probe Bgins Soon.

The Interstate Commerce Commis-sion has announced that it will conduct an investigation of the car shortage of the country. This means that the shortage of coal cars at Washington will be probed, and per-

Washington will be probed, and perhaps remedied.

Commissioner McChord will be in charge of the hearigs, which will be at Louisville, Ky., November 3 and 4. All Southern carriers will be represented, as will those Eastern roads which touch the Atlantic scaboard. Shippers have made serious charges against the carriers, claiming that they receive cars for export without assurance of water shipping facilities and permit their use for storage. The and permit their use for storage. The great bulk of export traffic has made a serious situation locally as to the coal supply, the car shortage preventing many shipments coming to the District.

District.

It is anticipated that the result of the Louisville hearing will be to expedite shipments of coal, hasten unloading of all classes, and put a strong deterent on the practice of using cars for storage purposes.

To Quiz Railroads. The commission has prepared a list of seventeen questions which it intends to ask common carriers. These hit at the heart of the matter of car shortage. Among them are the following: "Have you any reason to believe that employes are discriminating between shippers in distribution of cars?" "Do you favor any particular traffic in dis-tribution of cars, and, if so, what traf-fic, and what are the reasons for doing so?"

Panic Party Responsible.

Unless the enormous demand for cord cases up and the pressure caused by the panicky situation due to the actual shortage of reserve supply is relieved,